



BRIDGE

Building Relationships through Innovative
Development of Gender Based Violence
Awareness in Europe



**An overview of the knowledge and
capacities of professionals in the official
acomodation network**

**On Gender based
violence and case
management**



CONTEXTUAL FRAMEWORK

The main objective of the **BRIDGE** project is to **strengthen the response to Gender based violence (GBV) against children and youth on the move.**

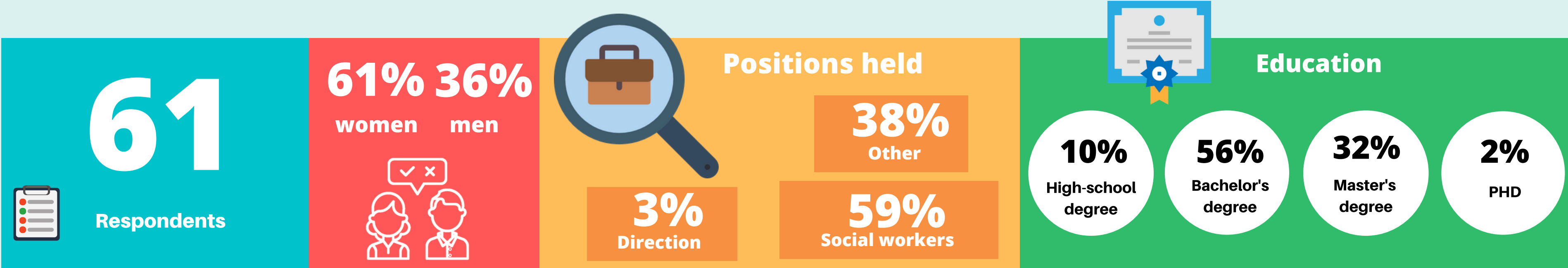
One of the concrete activities of the project is to **enhance the availability of reliable data on GBV against migrant children.** Data has therefore been collected amongst migrant children and professionals working in accommodation centres. This infographics present the results of the data collection that took place in 2019 and 2020 with professionals.

The results of the analysis of the collected data will serve to **sensitise professionals** working in accommodation centres, **reinforce their capacities** to answer to the victims of GBV, to **guarantee the participation of children and young migrants** in the fight against this phenomenon and orient the questions that will be analysed in depth during the next data collections.

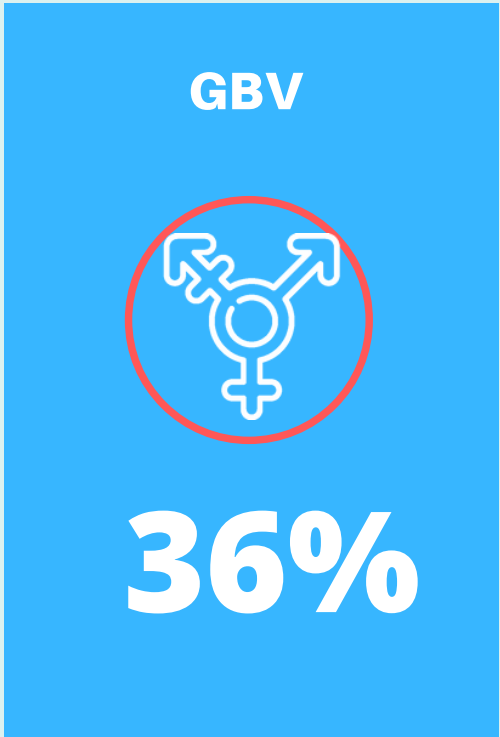
The survey covered 61 subjects (56% female, 41% male, 3% non binary) working in centres for migrant children. **It tackles the training of professionals and their capacity to detect, report and ensure follow-up of cases of GBV amongst the children they work with.**

Survey for professionals - Profiles

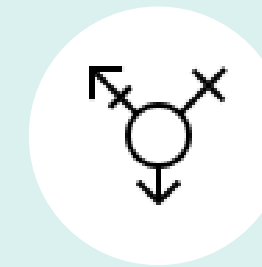
We went to discuss with professionals in centres accomodating migrant children to ask them questions about the training, detection and management of GBV as part of their work:



Specialized training received (initial or continuous)



What do you know about GBV?



Do you feel that you have sufficient knowledge about GBV for your job?

54%

Probably

18%

Definitely

15%

Probably not

11%

Definitely not

Do you think these acts are considered GBV?



An act of physical abuse of a child that is not sexual in nature

34%

Probably

50%

Definitely

8%

Definitely not

8%

Probably not

0%

Don't know



Denying access to education

34%

Probably

50%

Definitely

10%

Definitely not

3%

Probably not

3%

Don't know



Child marriage

72%

Definitely

18%

Probably

7%

Definitely not

3%

Don't know

0%

Probably not



Bullying

48%

Definitely

33%

Probably

8%

Definitely not

8%

Probably not

3%

Don't know

GBV management in the centre

Services provided to victims of GBV in your centre



Legal aid



Medical care



Child protection



Psycho-social support



Translation

Existing facilities and installations



Children not mixed with adults other than family



Gender-separated toilets and showers



Areas for recreational activities suitable for girls and boys



Do you have procedures for identifying victims of GBV?

10%

We have written procedures

32%

We have implicit procedures

32%

We don't have any procedures

34%

Don't know

What types of GBV did you identify in the previous month?

Sexual abuses Emotional and physical abuses Trafficking

Blocking of resources Discrimination Forced marriage

Domestic violence Prostitution Genital mutilation

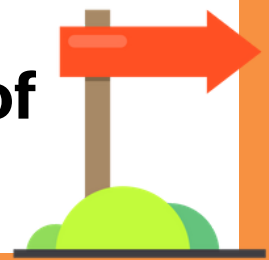
Homosexuality

Caution!



It is not a form of GBV, unless we talk about discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Do you have referral procedures for victims of GBV?



13%

We have written procedures

34%

We have implicit procedures

19%

We don't have any procedures

41%

Don't know

Who do you refer them to?

Support structures:



Focal point



Health care office



Police

Specialized organisations:

Exil

Ulysse SSM

Woman Do

GAMS

Chappelle aux champs

Bruxelles Accueil



Do you follow up on cases that have been identified/referred?

8%

We have written procedures

17%

We have implicit procedures

29%

We don't have any procedures

46%

Don't know

"We do not have a clear follow-up procedure for the cases of victims of GBV referred in Belgium."

A respondent



On the other hand, professionals have been fully informed about the monitoring of voluntary return procedures.

Do you know how to implement the **guiding principles** for the accompaniment of child victims of GBV?

Working in the best interests of the child

59%
Definitely

20%
Probably

11%
Probably not

8%
Don't know

2% Definitely not

Ensuring the security of the child and his or her right to life, survival and development

60%
Definitely

23%
Probably

9%
Probably not

8%
Don't know

0% Definitely not

Comforting the child

56%
Definitely

30%
Probably

6%
Probably not

6%
Don't know

2% Definitely not

Ensuring appropriate confidentiality

75%
Definitely

17%
Probably

4%
Probably not

4%
Don't know

0% Definitely not

Involving the child in decision making

42%
Definitely

30%
Probably

15%
Probably not

13%
Don't know

0% Definitely not

Treat every child fairly and equally

80%
Definitely

8%
Probably

4%
Probably not

8%
Don't know

0% Definitely not

Strengthening children's resilience

45%
Definitely

27%
Probably

13%
Probably not

13%
Don't know

2% Definitely not

Where to ask for help



All actors working on the issue of gender-based violence are listed at
<https://www.we-access.eu/map>

Specialized agencies for children assistance :

- Psycho-Medical-Social Centres
- School Health Promotion Services
- Mental Health Services
- Family Planning Centres
- Free Listening Services
- Télé-Accueil - call the 107
- Ecoute Enfants - call the 103
- SOS Enfants
- Youth Support Services (SAJ) et Open Space Action Services (AMO)

You can also contact the Ombudsman for children, the reference point for the rights of the child in Belgium.

by phone : +32 2 223 36 99

by email : dgde@cfwb.be

Child abuse and violence against children :
mapping of www.yapaka.be/cartographie

Reporting violence committed abroad, even if little information is available:
I say STOP <https://jedisstop.be/en>



These contacts aren't enough?

Do not hesitate to contact your **hierarchical superiors**, the **coordination** and/or, if necessary, **Defence for Children International Belgium** who will be able to redirect you. Send an e-mail to info@defensedesenfants.be or call at +32 2 203 79 08.



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